

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Again I am on the field, in the interests of the S. S. C. E. I left my home in Mapleville, Md., on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, and as I do not expect to reach home again for six months or perhaps longer, the parting was not without sadness. It is ever thus in life,—we meet, and enjoy each others society and then part again with sadness, but ever, when separated, our hearts, are gladdened with the bright hope of meeting again. Sometimes the hope is not realized in this world, but happier still is the realization in that world, where sorrow shall never cast its shadow and parting shall be unknown.

I stayed with my sister Mrs. Cost, in Keedysville on Thursday night, and on Friday morning started for Meyersdale, Pa. Connections were rather poor, and we were delayed by several little railroad accidents, so that it was five o'clock when I reached the place. Brother Mackey met me, and took me to the home of Dr. Beachly where supper was waiting. Immediately after supper, we started to Salisbury, to meet the appointment made for me there. The evening was dark and cloudy, and we soon found it almost impossible to see the road. It took two pairs of eyes, assisted or hindered by one pair of glasses, and yet three times, I was left sitting in the buggy, amusing myself by watching Brother Mackey hunting the road. But our Father watches over us through dangers known and unknown and we reached the place in safety. As we stepped inside the door we were met by Brother Milton Beachy, who surprised us by asking "Why, Brother Mackey, did you have a fall." "Why so," replied Brother Mackey, "why;" and Brother Beachy informed him that there was mud on his face. Before reaching the church, he had wiped the perspiration from his brow with a muddy glove, and to see him was to smile. We found some very earnest workers among the Salisbury brethren and sisters, and on Saturday evening we organized an S. S. C. E., of seventeen members, with Sister Beachy as president. On Sunday morning we went to Summit Mills, and there talked to a well filled house. In the evening we were taken to Meyersdale, and again had a large congregation.

On Monday evening, Brother and Sister Mackey, myself and a few others were invited to Dr. Beachley's to tea. After supper, the ladies were passing the time very pleasantly in the parlor, while Brother Mackey and the Dr. were enjoying

each other's society in the office, when a boy, excited and almost breathless informed Brother Mackey that a couple at the parsonage desired to be married immediately. He hurried home, sending word for Sister Mackey to follow. At her solicitation, I went with her, "to see them married." Well, I saw no wedding, but I saw a house full of people with bundles, baskets, etc., etc., and two hearts made glad and happy, not only because of the bounties added to their store, but because that evening told them how large a place they have in the hearts of the brethren and sisters there.

Of the S. S. C. E., in Meyersdale, too much cannot be said in praise. They are earnest, active and full of energy, "doing with their might, what their hands find to do," and their hands find much to do, for they are ever watching for opportunities to do something for the cause. I spent my Christmas at Meyersdale, and on the day following went to Berlin. My first evening there was a very rainy, stormy one, yet we had quite a nice audience, and on Friday evening a well-filled house. The Berlin S. S. C. E. has not done much, but now they think they see their way to success more clearly, and will put forth a fresh effort. I can see nothing that ought to hinder them from doing successful work, and making their society one of the best in the brotherhood, unless the cause be in themselves.

I am now at Listie, and will have services here to-night, tomorrow morning and night. The society here is doing quite well, better than they themselves anticipated. My next point will be Johnstown. I report the following pledges taken and cash received:

W. C. Hockman, Maurertown, Va.,	\$ 1.00
Dr. D. L. Shaver, Maurertown, Va.,	1.00
John M. Bowman, Dayton, Va.,	1.00
Mrs. Rebecca Moomaw, Roanoke, Va.,	1.00
Miss Orpha L. Miller, Summit Mills, Pa.,	1.00
Mrs. Sarah Olinger, Meyersdale, Pa.,	1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, Meyersdale, Pa.,	1.00
Mrs. Fannie Miller, Meyersdale, Pa.,	1.00
Mrs. W. A. Seibert, Berlin, Pa.,	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. Broilier, Berlin, Pa.,	1.00
Total,	\$10.00
LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.	

We would get more good out of the sermon if we would do more praying for the preacher.

FROM GLENFORD, O.

Our S. S. C. E. has been and is still doing splendid work for the church. They have passed the notch set by the most hopeful, I think, in the amount of money they have gathered and have been enabled to offer in the various lines or work. And far higher and better yet they have so greatly helped in the growth of the church toward power and usefulness. This part of theirs surpasses the other as "The life is more than meat."

Another happy condition is that they are just planning for a larger field of work and usefulness, and to seek the pleasure of the Father in all things.

J. M. BOWMAN.

DON'TS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS.

Don't only "belong to the Church. Be a live member.

Don't discourage your pastor. Support him in every right way and work.

Don't shirk church-work. Your help is always pledged and needed.

Don't pay the church-debt "by taking it off the preacher." He has perhaps enough to do to pay his own.

Don't lower your contribution. Rather raise it to meet the need. Even in hard times begin to save somehow otherwise.

Don't try to attend two churches. One is all you can serve faithfully.

Don't sit silently in your pew. Buy a church-book and use it. No one can worship for you.

Don't sulk if you have no office. The more useful you are, the sooner your turn will come.

Don't "run down" your church. Stick to your own through thick and thin. You can not better affairs by leaving unless you are incorrigible.

Don't tramp around for company's sake or a crowd or a "popular" sermon. Let every one see where you belong, and learn to know where to find you.

Don't listen to proselyters. It is not better over there. You will not be better over there.

Don't get "too old" for the Sunday-school. Teach or be taught.

Don't worship the people, the preacher or the choir. Worship God. Pay your vows to him.—*Schuylkill Valley.*

THE reason some people have for not reading the Bible is the reason the Philistines had for sending the ark of God back to Israel. The Word of God is as terrible as a pestilence to the man who is bent on continuing in sin.—*Ex.*

SET your heart on an idol and your prayers will not rise above its head.